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Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph immediately following the title on page 1:

This application claims priority of PCT application PCT/CH2004/000336 having a priority date of June 19, 2003, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

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Please replace the heading at page 1, line ⁴/₃, with the following rewritten heading:

~~Technical field~~ Field of the Invention

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line ⁶/₅, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The invention relates to a knitting machine ~~according to the preamble of claim 1.~~

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Please replace the heading at page 1, line ⁹/₇, with the following rewritten heading:

~~Prior art~~ Background of the Invention

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 26, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~US A 4,487,039~~ U.S. Patent No. 4,487,039 discloses a warp knitting machine in which weft threads are supplied to two transport devices arranged at a distance from one another. For this purpose, there is a carriage which is movable to and fro between the transport devices and to which the weft threads are supplied by means of a driven delivery mechanism. The drive of the delivery mechanism to be changed continuously, taking into account the instantaneous carriage speed and carriage position, in order to adapt the tension of the weft threads to the changing speeds and positions of the carriage and to keep said tension as constant as possible. The drive is controlled via a pulse generator which is dependant on the rotation of the main shaft. An individual control of the length of the weft thread to be supplied in each case, on the one hand, and of the required length on the basis of the pattern program, on the other hand, cannot be gathered from this publication.

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Please replace the heading at page 2, line ~~8~~¹, with the following rewritten heading:

~~Presentation of the invention~~ Summary of the Invention

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line ~~13~~¹, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~The said object is achieved by means of the characterizing features of claim 1. Since the A~~
control device has having control means in order to set the delivery length of the weft thread to be supplied according to the travel of the weft bar, said travel being predetermined from the pattern program, ~~this~~ ensures that the exactly required thread length is always available for each laying of a weft thread and for each pattern. There is no longer any need for the weft thread to be drawn off by the weft bar, for example from a cone. As a result, the textile material, in general, and the pattern formation, in particular, are appreciably improved. During the knitting operation, faults, such as thread breaks and flaws, are largely prevented.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line ~~23~~²², with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~A development as claimed in claim 2~~ knitting machine having a control device with a manually actuatable correcting apparatus for the individual superposition of an adjustable correcting factor onto the delivery data of at least one weft thread for at least one weft insertion is particularly advantageous, since, by means of the correcting factor which additionally varies the delivery length of the weft thread, further adaption, for example, to different thread qualities and/or pattern properties of the textile material to be produced can be achieved.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line ~~28~~²⁹, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A particularly advantageous correcting apparatus has, ~~as claimed in claim 3,~~ a screen, preferably a touch screen, and an editing element for manual selection of various indicators and control

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layers, in particular that for handling the correcting factor.

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Please replace the heading at page 3, line ¹⁴~~13~~, with the following rewritten heading:
~~Way of implementing the invention~~ Detailed Description of the Invention

Please replace the heading at page ⁸~~7~~, line 1, with the following rewritten heading:
~~Pattern~~ Claims